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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

## Situation in the Dominican Republic (Report #170 - As of 6:00 pm EDT)

- 1. The rebel-held "Radio Santo Domingo" at 2:03 pm EDT today reported that the ministry for the presidency invited businessmen of Santo Domingo and vicinity to open the doors of their establishments to attend to public needs. The ministry also informed the businessmen that the "constitutional government" and armed forces offered them guarantees so that they could carry out their activities freely.
- 2. Loyalist "Radio San Isidro" announced at 5:10 pm EDT today that the Communists were attacking the Guatemalan Embassy and asks the U.S. authorities to go to the aid of that embassy.
- 3. The US Embassy reports that although it has not seen any Communist leaflets or other printed propaganda dated since the uprising, there is a four-page "manifesto" of the Dominican Communist Party (PSFD) Central Committee datelined 16 March which bears the image of Lenin and urges the people to take to the streets for the return of former president Bosch. The US Ambassador comments that the general tenor of the "mainfesto" shows that the Communists clearly saw the return of Bosch as only one stage in their program to take power.
- 4. A US press service says that the Soviet Union charged today in the UN that the Organization of American States (OAS) had challenged the authority of the UN Security Council by approving an Inter-American Peace Force for the Dominican Republic. Fedorenko, the Soviet UN delegate, called the OAS action illegal and declared that "no behind-the-scenes machinations, no labels will help you transform the American interventionists into inter-American or regional soldiers."

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5. Ambassador Harriman reported from Montevideo this afternoon that he and US charge d'affaires Briggs had met earlier in the day for an hour and a half with Uruguayan National Council of Government President Washington Beltran in a frank discussion. Beltran reiterated comments made earlier by other Uruguayan officials to the effect that unilateral intervention was a very dangerous precedent for little countries like Uruguay. He said that his country does support multilateral action when it proves necessary, and Uruguay's representative on the UN Security Council has been instructed to support the Organization of American States initiative in handling the situation. Uruguay insists just as strongly, however, that the Security Council has the right to deal with the situation if need be. Beltran also told Harriman he could tell President Johnson that he sympathized with the US President's position and would do all he could to keep action on the Dominican situation in the hands of the Organization of American States. He also agreed that the organization should think about broadening its provisions so as to enable it to deal with similar subversive situations in the future on a multilateral basis.

## LATE ITEM

A helicopter from the USS Okinawa was hit by machinegun fire in Santo Domingo at 12:45 pm EDT today according to Admiral Masterson's headquarters. The helicopter landed safely with the wounded co-pilot.